Campus Ministry International Trips

Jamaica Service Trip Experience - student apply and interview to be part of this three credit service learning course in Religious Studies; Theology and the Church. Students will take the academic portion in the fall and then travel in January to Cross Keys Jamaica over winter break for one week where they will host to Fr. Patrick Mwangi and St. Joseph’s Catholic Parish. Student will engage in various service activities including:

- Visiting orphanages
- Working with handicap children and special needs children
- Working with children with HIV
- Home visits
- Interacting with pre-school aged children
- A day of painting
- Visiting with elderly abandoned people in a nursing facility

Process: Students can find applications on line on the Campus Ministry web page. Applications are to be turned in during the month of April and students will be selected to interview for the class/trip. Two references & a two page essay are due for each applicant. Reference forms can be found on our webpage at.

Payment: Students are responsible to give a $200 down payment in early Fall and are responsible for the rest of the cost of the trip which is roughly $800 (this could change due to prices in fuel and traveling)

Forms and Other Paperwork: Students who are accepted must fill out the disciplinary form and have it signed by the Dean of Students and the health form. Students who are accepted will have to sign a Waiver of Liability and Commitment contract before they go to Jamaica.

Community living & Housing: Students stay with Fr. Patrick in his rectory and he arranges all the transportation, food and daily schedule. Students are expected to take an active part of this community living learning experience

Shots: There are no immunizations needed for Jamaica

Travel to airport: Students are responsible to get themselves to and from the airport. On some occasions a university van maybe available to transport a small group of students to the airport.

Passports: once accepted on the trip, students must applying or have a valid passport.

Prayer and Reflection: Students will engage in prayer and group reflection process every night in Jamaica. Students will lead the reflection and time for sharing.
**Journaling:** Students are encouraged to journal while in Jamaica to help them process their experience.

**Travel arrangements:** All travel arrangements are made by the Campus Ministry office.

**Chaperones:** All international trips will have two chaperones from the staff or faculty.

**Application Process:** Students will hand in applications in the Spring semester and be chosen through an interview process, then the students will be put into the class. Due to the overwhelming number of students who apply, not all students will be granted an interview.